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SUBJ: INCREASED INSURGENT ACTIVITY

1. ON 23 AND 24 APRIL COMMUNIST INSURGENTS ATTACKED FIVE RTG INSTALLATIONS IN THE NORTHEAST AND THE SOUTH IN AN UNUSUAL UPSURGE OF ACTIVITY. REPORTS REACHING ISOC HEADQUARTERS IN BANGKOK INDICATE THAT ALL ATTACKS WERE MOUNTED BY WELL-ARMED INSURGENTS IN A COORDINATED MANNER.

2. A REPORTED 200-MAN ARMED INSURGENT BAND REAIDED THE VILLAGE OF DON YANANG IN BUNG KHAN DISTRICT OF NONG KHAI PROVINCE ABOUT 2300 HOURS ON 23 APRIL. THE RAIDERS LEVELD THE POLICE STATION AND THEN ASSAULTED A MOBILE DEVELOPMENT UNIT (MDU) ORGANIZATION STATIONED IN THE VILLAGE. SIX RTG OFFICIALS AND FIVE VILLAGERS WERE KILLED IN THIS PARTICULARLY VICIOUS ATTACK INCLUDING THE RTA COLONEL HEAD OF THE MDU, A NAVY LT COMMANDER, TWO MDU SERGEANTS ONE VDC AND ONE NURSE. THE INSURGENTS INDISCRIMINATELY FIRED INTO HOMES OF THE VILLAGERS KILLING THE CIVILIANS INCLUDING TWO YOUNG CHILDREN. ISOC OFFICIALS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE RAID WAS IN RETALIATION FOR AN RTG ATTACK ON A CT CAMP IN THE SAME DISTRICT OF NONG KHAI PROVINCE ON FEBRUARY 8 THIS YEAR WHEN

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TEN CT WERE KIA INCLUDING THREE PROVINCE CPT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

3. OTHER ATTACKS IN THE NORTHEAST OCCURRED IN AMNAT CHAROEN DISTRICT OF UBON RATAHATHANI PROVINCE AND IN NA KAE DISTRICT OF NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE. IN UBON THE CT ATTACKED A LOCAL DEFENSE POST APRIL 23 AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME AS THE ATTACK IN NONG KHAI'S BUNG KHAN DISTRICT. A REPORTED 40-50 CT WERE ENGAGED IN THE UBON ATTACK BUT WERE DRIVEN OFF WITHOUT INFLECTING ANY CASUALTIES ON RTG FORCES. IN NA KAE DISTRICT ON THURSDAY APRIL 24 ANOTHER CT BAND WITH AN ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF 40-50 ATTACKED A LOCAL DEFENSE UNIT SERIOUSLY WOUNDING TWO RTG DEFENDERS. IN THE SOUTH INCOMPLETE ISOC REPORTS INDICATE THAT ATTACKS AGAINST LOCAL DEFENSE OUTPOSTS OCCURED IN SURAT THANI AND NARATHIWAT PROVINCE ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 23 BUT TO DATE NO DETAILS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN ISOC.

4. ISOC OFFICIALS ON APRIL 28 FIRMLY DENY A STORY IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER THE NATION WHICH REPORTED THAT DISAFFECTED VILLAGERS IN NONG KHAI ASKED THE CT TO ATTACK AND DESTROY THE POLICE STATION IN BUNG KHAN DISTRICT. THE NATION ARTICLE CLAIMED THAT THE VILLAGERS WERE SEEKING REVENGE ON THE POLICE FOR ALLEGED MLATREATMENT BY THE POLICE. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ISOC SHOWS THAT POORLY DEFENDED ISOLATED POLICE OUTPOSTS SUCH AS THE ONE DESTROYED IN NONG KHAI ARE PRIMARY TARGETS FOR THE CT AND ISOC ANTICIPATES THAT INCREASED CT ACTION AGAINST THESE OUTPOSTS CAN BE EXPECTED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE BECAUSE OF THEIR VULNERABILITY AS LUCRATIVE TARGETS.  
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